Increasing of MPLADS Grant

3235. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any demand to increase the yearly MPLADS grants;

(b) if so, would it be considered favourably, in as much as it is a popular and useful scheme;

(c) whether some of the items which were originally implemented under the MPLADS have now been prohibited through the present set of guidelines;

(d) the special steps taken to speed up and effectively utilise the MPLADS in each of those States which are said to be slow and liable for complaints in execution; and

(e) whether any study has been made to assess the effect of the Monitoring Committee on MPLADS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Yes Sir. There is a demand for enhancement in the annual allocation of funds under MPLAD Scheme.

(b) Rs. 1580 crore has been proposed in the Budget for the current financial year (2005-06). The proposed provision is at the rate of Rs. 2 crore per annum per MP.

(c) The non-permissble items in the present Guidelines on MPLADS are same as in the earlier Guidelines.

(d) The following steps have been taken to speed up execution and expedite the works under MPLAD Scheme. (i) District Collectors have been allowed to sanction all the permissible works recommended by the concerned MPs up to the extent of entitlement of funds without waiting for receipt of funds from the Ministry; (ii) All the State Governments and Distrist Collectors have been requested to stipulate a time-limit for implementing agencies to complete the works depending upon the nature of works (iii) All the State Governments have been requested to monitor the MPLADS works implementation; and (iv) Review meetings on the implementation of MPLAD Scheme are held in the States/UTs. On 23.2.2005, the Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme implementation reviewed with senior

officers of State Governments and UT Administrations the position of release, expenditure and other related matters under MPLAD Scheme.

(e) There is no monitoring Committee on MPLADS.

Fifth Economic Census

3236. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to conduct Fifth Economic Census;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria fixed for such Census; and

(d) the funds allocated for Census during the current plan and allocation during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The Fifth Economic Census is to be implemented as a Central Sector Plan Scheme with 100% fund assistance from Centre to States/UTs. The main purpose of conducting the Economic Census is to generate the latest frame of enterprises/establishments covering all sectors of the economy (except crop poduction and plantation) to be used for follow up surveys. The Census will be conducted in the whole of Indian Union except some areas that remain inaccessible throughout the year and where State/UT Governments find it impossible to collect the information. The field work would be undertaken by the respective State/ UTs during April to June 2005.

(d) An amount of Rs. 99.20 crore for the years 2004-05 to 2006-07 of the 10th Five Year Plan including Rs. 45.59 crore in the current financial year (2005-06) is allocated for the Census.

Projects under MPLAD Scheme

3237. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 11,915 projects, undertaken under MPLAD scheme the nodal Ministry has not received the utilisation certificates, and further about Rs. 1,797 crores had remained unspent with the district authorities;